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Subject: Please reject the Phillips 66 oil train proposal

Mr. Murry Wilson  
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Dear San Luis Obispo decision-makers,

The recent history of oil train derailings and the enormous damage this poses to surrounding communities, plus the fact that I live near a major railroad branch, causes me to beg you not to put my community and countless other CA communities at risk with the Phillips 66 project.

The draft EIR's analysis of potential accidents and spills is flawed because it only evaluates rail accident rates from 2003 to 2012 and spill release rates between 2005 and 2009, while more crude oil has spilled from trains in 2013 than during the past four decades. They're cherry-picking the data, here. A valid EIR must look at recent data, including accident data from Canada which has also experienced increased crude by rail incidents. This data reflects the increased quantities of dangerous crude being transported in old and unsafe tank cars and will provide a more accurate assessment of accident risk and magnitude along the rail lines that would serve this project.

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Moreover, the EIR's worst case scenario spill analysis estimates a spill of approximately 180,000 gallons, or approximately six tank cars of crude. Most crude trains are comprised of 100 or more tank cars. A true worst case scenario spill would be on the order of millions of gallons of crude. Such a spill could devastate our scarce water resources, property and local economies, and would pose a significant threat to public health and safety. This project cannot be approved without analyzing and mitigating its true impacts.

Phillips 66 admits that its proposed oil train facility will create "significant and unavoidable" levels of air pollution, and as far as I can tell, there is no arguable benefit to the residents of California in transporting dirty Canadian tar sands oil to refineries (more pollution for us) to be shipped overseas. Even without devastating spills and crashes, how would it serve us to further pollute our air, water and soil simply for short-term oil company profits?

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Plus, there's the toxic spill threat to the many watersheds crossed en route to the Santa Maria refinery. The proposed rail route brings oil trains through the San Francisco Bay-Delta watershed and along California's treasured central coast. Each oil train carries more than three million gallons of explosive, toxic crude oil. A derailment near a river, stream, reservoir, or above a groundwater aquifer could contaminate drinking water for millions of Californians. During a time of

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extreme drought, SLO must not approve this project and create contamination risk for the rest of our state.

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Please act in the interest of all Californians and reject the Phillips 66 proposed rail spur. This project would create significant, unavoidable, and unnecessary risks for our communities and our climate.

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Thank you for acting on behalf of the people of California rather than the folks who run Phillips Petroleum.

Respectfully yours,